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Upon instructions from my Government, and following my letters dated 16-20 and 23-25 April and 7, 11, 14, 15, 16 and 18 May 2012, I have the honour to attach herewith a detailed list of violations of cessation of violence committed by armed groups in Syria on 18 May 2012 (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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[Original: Arabic]

Friday, 18 May 2012

Rif Dimashq governorate

1. At 0000 hours on the night of 17 May, an armed terrorist group attempted to block the Damascus-Homs highway at the Yabrud turn-off, with a view to carrying out forced abductions and robberies.

2. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group blocked the Damascus-Homs highway near Mazari' al-Qastal, with a view to carrying out robberies and abductions.

3. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Harasta, injuring one man.

4. At 1700 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on the Suryan Square checkpoint operated by the law enforcement forces in Qatana, injuring one man.

5. In Malihah a white Cerato vehicle, bearing fake licence plate No. 233100 (Rif Dimashq), aroused the suspicion of the law enforcement checkpoint as it proceeded from the direction of Ghutah and headed towards the checkpoint. When the driver ignored orders to stop, personnel opened fire on the vehicle in order to stop it, and the occupants of the vehicle fled into the trees. When the vehicle was searched, it was found to be carrying in its boot five large metal cylinders, weighing some 500 kg and filled with explosives.

6. In Ayn Tarma, armed gunmen forcibly seized a government vehicle from its driver, Zuhair Mustafa al-Himsi, taking the vehicle from in front of his house.

7. In Tall, the bodies were found of six persons who had been murdered, thrown in a rubbish dump in Sulaymah and then burned.

8. In Adra, the body was found of a person who had been shot dead and then dumped in a sewer.

Damascus governorate

9. At 2300 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, a terrorist threw a noise bomb near the Maydan office.

10. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device in a phone kiosk near the Abbas mosque in Barzah, killing one person and injuring 13 others.

11. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device in the district of Daf al-Shawk, aimed at the Hasan mosque, without causing casualties.

12. At 1230 hours, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device beneath a rubbish container in the locality of Qadam, next to the Sakr garage, which was defused by members of the military engineering corps.

13. At 1330 hours, an armed terrorist group launched a noise bomb at law enforcement personnel in the Jawbar district, without causing any damage.

14. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the Tadamun district, injuring one man.

15. An armed terrorist group planted an explosive device in the Zahra quarter, on the old Zahra road beyond the southern ring road. The device was defused by members of the military engineering corps.

Dar'a governorate

16. At 2110 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire and launched a rocket-propelled grenade at law enforcement officers at police station No. 9.

17. At 2130 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stormed the home of police officer Ayman al-Hammadi, in Hannanu Street, Dar'a town centre, and abducted him.

18. At 2200 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group attacked police station No. 9 in Qusayr village, throwing a bomb in its direction.

19. At 2230 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group ransacked the Najih elementary school.

20. At 2350 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stormed a State-owned dairy farm located on the Muzayrib-Dar'a road, tied up the guard and stole three vehicles and other equipment from the farm.

21. At 0230 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Satah Zahnan district, and also fired on the house of the mayor, Yusuf al-Tabish.

22. At 0330 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device near the northern wall of Da'il municipality.

23. At 0700 hours, armed terrorist groups deployed in Dar'a al-Mahattah and Dar'a town centre, blocking the roads and opening indiscriminate fire on residential buildings. They totally paralysed all movement in those areas of town, killed one man and injured another.

24. At 0730 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted First Warrant Officer Sufyan al-Hariri in Da'il, as he was on his way to work.

25. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group blocked the road east of Najih village, setting up an armed checkpoint and checking identity papers.

26. At 0840 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device, targeting a Mitsubishi bus carrying law enforcement personnel at the Panorama roundabout. The explosion killed Staff Sergeant Samar Bidur and Staff Sergeant Ahmad al-Hamad and injured 11 other men.

27. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and wounded police officer Hazim Abu Ismail. They then abducted and killed him, dumping his body in the displaced persons camp.

28. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted police officer Khalid Jamal al-Aqlah and Sergeant Khalid Musa al-Aqlah, who were on their way through the village of Ayn-Dhakr.

29. At 0900 hours, an armed terrorist group blocked the road between Da'il and Tafas and when law enforcement forces intervened in order to open the road, opened fire on them. They wounded Lieutenant Mahmud al-Hussain and another officer.

30. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked the Red Crescent centre in Nawa and stole food supplies.

31. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group also opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint in the town of Harrah.

32. At 1215 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted a lawyer, Amin al-Za'bi, on Majama'a al-Hukumi Street in Busra al-Sham.

33. At 1345 hours, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device and opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the town of Jasim, wounding four men, including Lieutenant Hussam Khudur.

34. At 1500 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Lieutenant Colonel Qasim al-Hushan from a street in the town of Mahjah.

35. At 1630 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement provisions vehicle in Harak, injuring one man.

36. At 1630 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire with machine guns and launched rocket-propelled grenades at a law enforcement checkpoint near the sports club in Dar'a town centre.

37. At 1930 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint in Abassiin in Dar'a town centre.

Homs governorate

38. At 2005 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and launched rocket-propelled grenades at law enforcement personnel in Khalidiyah quarter.

39. At 2005 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Red Crescent vehicle as it was driving along the Suryan-Talbisah road, killing police officer Ayyub Shuweikh, who was standing in the road.

40. At 2015 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened heavy fire from the direction of Bab al-Turkman on law enforcement personnel in Bab al-Siba'.

41. At 2300 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel in the Abbasiyah quarter.

42. At 2330 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group started shooting and firing mortar rounds from the direction of Khalidiyah at law enforcement personnel in the Qusur quarter.

43. At 0030 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Tall Kalakh.

44. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel near the citadel.

45. At 0215 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the Sultaniyah quarter.

46. At 0230 hours, an armed terrorist group started shooting and firing mortar rounds from the direction of Khalidiyah at law enforcement personnel in the Qusur quarter.

47. At 0330 hours, an armed terrorist group started shooting and firing mortar rounds from the direction of Khalidiyah at law enforcement personnel in the Qusur quarter.

48. At 0905 hours, a terrorist group abducted Corporal Hassan Qastalawi in Homs.

49. At 1100 hours, a terrorist group intercepted and abducted Private Khudr al-Ibrahim as he was on his way through Talbisah district.

50. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a Peugeot 504 vehicle, registration No. 199808, driven by Brigadier Khalid Kakhiya, as it was proceeding along the Damascus-Homs highway, after the Qusayr bridge.

51. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group opened sporadic fire on law enforcement personnel in the Khalidiyah quarter.

52. At 1230 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Talbisah.

53. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Dayr Ba'albah, near the Petrochemicals College.

54. At 1450 hours, an armed terrorist group started shooting and firing rocket-propelled grenades from the direction of Fakhurah and Bab al Durayb at law enforcement personnel in the Karm al Zaytun quarter.

55. At 1515 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of Bab al-Siba' on law enforcement personnel in the Adawiyah quarter.

56. At 1700 hou an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the police headquarters building, injuring two officers.

57. At 1710 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire from the direction of the Za'faran mosque on law enforcement personnel in Bab al-Siba'.

58. At 1745 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the dye works, from the direction of Qarabis.

59. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group fired four mortar rounds from the direction of Husayniyah village which landed near the police station in the village of Daminah al Sharqiyah. They killed three civilians, wounded five others and caused material damage to the homes around the police station.

60. At 1930 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the Qarabis quarter.

Hama governorate

61. At 2100 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group fired a rocket-propelled grenade at the law enforcement checkpoint near Na'sa school.

62. At 2200 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted conscript Akram al-Halabi from in front of his home in Halfaya.

63. At 2200 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device, injuring a civilian, Muhammad Ibrahim, who was driving past on the Khandaq-Barid-Ghab road.

64. At 0015 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement checkpoint in Kafr Zaytah, shooting from between residential buildings.

65. At 0315 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked the Khalij bar on the Raqqah-Salmiyah road while a performance was in progress, abducting five female performers, and stealing cars and money.

66. At 0430 hours, an armed terrorist group attacked the law enforcement checkpoint in Hasraya, to the west of the town of Lataminah, abducting 18 officers from the checkpoint, including Captain Nassar Fatum and Second Lieutenant Hassan Sulayman, together with their weapons.

67. At 0430 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in the village of Hamamiyat, injuring one man.

68. At 0600 hours, near the law enforcement checkpoint on the Lataminah-Buwaydah road, an armed terrorist group blew up a car that had been booby-trapped with some 300 kg of explosives, killing the terrorist driver, but without injuring any of the checkpoint personnel.

69. At 0620 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel near the Jarad citadel to the north of the Halfaya national hospital, injuring one man.

70. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol near the Al-Arba' Nawa'ir restaurant, injuring one man.

71. At 0945 hours an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device near the Bashar al-Hafi mosque in the Qusur quarter.

72. At 1010 hours, an armed terrorist group planted explosive devices in the Tariq Halab quarter near the memorial, and detonated them as law enforcement personnel were trying to defuse them. This was followed by heavy gunfire from the armed men at the law enforcement personnel, in the course of which conscript Ma'ad al-Dahir was killed and 14 officers were injured, including Colonel Fayez Araf and Lieutenant Usama Khaluf.

73. At 1330 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol in the Ulayliyat-Nazlat al-Daraj quarter.

74. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted conscripts Abdullah al-Zayn and Ali al-Awda from a barber's owned by Abdul Shair.

75. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group in a crowd of demonstrators threw a grenade at law enforcement personnel in the Salmiyah-Jurat Bayt Nasrah quarter, injuring one female civilian.

76. At 1530 hours, at the Qassarin turnoff on the Hama-Salmiyah road, an armed terrorist group intercepted and stole a Government-owned Mazda minibus, registration No. 942490, driven by a civilian, Abdullah Sulayman.

77. At 1600 hours, an armed terrorist group intercepted a civilian, Munir Nunu, financial manager at the Kafr Buhum cement works, and stole his Government-owned vehicle, registration No. 940861, which was assigned to the cement works.

78. At 1730 hours, in Wadi Dirrah-Murak, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement forces provisions vehicle, injuring three officers.

79. At 1730 hours, an armed terrorist group stormed the Khuluf commercial company on the Tall Qartal-Buraq road and stole two vehicles and some equipment.

80. At 1930 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on a law enforcement patrol in the town of Kafr Nabudah, injuring a child.

Aleppo governorate

81. At 2100 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group abducted and tortured Sergeant Haytham Kanju before releasing him. He later died of his injuries.

82. At 2130 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device at the Dali roundabout at the end of Nile Street in Aleppo city centre.

83. At 2200 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group blocked the Aleppo-I'zaz road at the Hayyan turn-off and stole an Isuzu vehicle belonging to the al-Nahhas blanket factory.

84. At 0130 hours, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device in Sha'ar district, which exploded as members of the law enforcement forces were attempting to defuse it. Chief Warrant Officer Hassan Hadari was killed and Captain Khaldun Habib and five other men were injured.

85. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted an engineer, Ammar Yatim, and his colleague, Aziz Isma'il, from in front of the former's house in the eastern Shaykh Maqsud neighbourhood.

86. At 0830 hours, an armed terrorist group intercepted an engineer, Mahmud Qablan, in the Sayf al-Dawlah quarter, an stole his Mitsubishi vehicle, registration No. 511608.

87. At 0830 hours, an armed terrorist group also intercepted a civilian, Hassan Jarab, the afforestation manager of the Aleppo agricultural department, and stole his Pajero vehicle, registration No. 881200.

88. At 1000 hours, armed terrorist groups planted two explosive devices inside the university park, near the university campus; one device at the Basil roundabout; another in the Hannanu area, opposite the retirement home; and a last device at the Hannanu interchange in the Sakhur area.

89. At 1030 hours, an armed terrorist group opened fire on and injured a civilian, Mustafa Khallu, in front of his house on Khallu Street in the town of Al Bab.

90. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group on the Tamura road opened fire with automatic rifles on a civilian, Jamil Arab.

91. At 1600 hours, an armed terrorist group intercepted a civilian, Rama Farwati, at the Bulman hotel and stole her vehicle.

Idlib governorate

92. At 2030 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device on the road between Allani and Dalbiyah in Salqin. It was later defused by members of the military engineering corps.

93. At 2200 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group detonated an explosive device near the Walid Sha'ban school in Jisr al-Shughur.

94. At 2300 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group opened fire on law enforcement personnel in Khan Shaykhun, injuring one man.

95. At 0800 hours, an armed terrorist group planted two explosive devices on the Ariha-Idlib road, west of the village of Mastumah. They were defused by members of the military engineering corps.

96. At 1100 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Lieutenant Mahmud al-Qadi on the Aleppo-Damascus road as he arrived at his home in Damir.

97. At 1630 hours, an armed terrorist group planted an explosive device in the Shaykh Falas quarter. It was defused by members of the military engineering corps.

98. At 1700 hours, an armed terrorist group forcibly entered the home of Conscript Khalid Alwan in the Abu al-Ala'-Ma'arrat al-Nu'man quarter and abducted him. The armed men demanded an automatic rifle from his family as ransom for his release.

Dayr al-Zawr governorate

99. At 2100 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group stole a Hyundai vehicle, registration No. 843145, belonging to the Ganama petroleum company.

100. At 0100 hours, an armed terrorist group abducted Sergeant Ahmad al-A'id, in the town of Dayr al-Zawr.

101. At 1000 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a Government-owned Landcruiser vehicle in Mayadin.

102. At 1100 hours, in Busayrah, an armed terrorist group stole a tow-truck, registration No. 573360, and another truck, registration No. 858113, both belonging to the Ansco Systems company.

103. At 1300 hours, an armed terrorist group blocked the road leading to the village of Muhassan. When the law enforcement forces attempted to open the road, the terrorists opened fire on them, injuring one man.

104. At 1300 hours, in the village of Muray'iyah, an armed terrorist group stole a Mazda twin-cab pick-up vehicle, registration No. D-3-2018, belonging to the League of Arab States.

105. At 1400 hours, in the village of Tayanah, an armed terrorist group stole a truck loaded with gas cylinders belonging to the Sadcob company.

106. At 1400 hours, an armed terrorist group stole a minibus belonging to Al Furat Petroleum Company at the Raghid turn-off and another minibus belonging to the same company at the Shahil turn-off in the Dhiban area.

107. At 1455 hours, an armed terrorist group planted two 10 kg explosive devices at the Madalajah roundabout. They were later defused by members of the military engineering corps in the presence of the international observer delegation.

108. At 1455 hours, an armed terrorist group placed an 80 kg explosive device in an underground room at the oilfields.

109. At 1800 hours, an armed terrorist group ambushed a law enforcement patrol as it was proceeding along Central Prison Street in the Thawra quarter, killing Staff Sergeant Muhammad Izzat and Private Fadi Daghar and injuring 10 other men.

Syrian-Lebanese border

110. At 2145 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group attempted to infiltrate Syrian territory from Lebanon in the Mathuma No. 21 post sector in Tall Kalakh. The terrorists then took flight.

Syrian-Turkish border

111. At 1200 hours, an armed terrorist group attempted to infiltrate Syrian territory from Turkey, in Bayt Mar'i farm, Hassaniyah village, Darkush. There was a clash, and the terrorists took flight.

Syrian Jordanian border

112. At 2110 hours on the night of 17 May 2012, an armed terrorist group attempted to infiltrate Syrian territory from Jordan and opened fire on border guards from the First Company post. There was a clash, and the terrorists took flight.

Number of attacks and violations committed by armed terrorist groups on 18 May 2012

1		*2*		*3*		*4*		*5*		
Killed		*Wounded*		*Abducted*		*Firing of weapons by armed persons against*		*Explosive devices*		
Civilians	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*	*Exploded*	*Defused*	*Exploded in manufacturing*
4	14	12	24	10	29	6	46	10	16	—

6		*7*				*8*			*9*	
Theft of vehicles		*Attempted infiltration by armed persons and smuggling of weapons*				*Attacks against public and private property*			*Bodies discovered*	
Public	*Private*	*Lebanon*	*Turkey*	*Iraq*	*Jordan*	*Public*	*Private*	*Brigandry*	*Civilians*	*Law enforcement officers*
7	12	1	1	—	1	3	6	10	10	—